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SUBJ: VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BUDAPEST

1. DANISH FONMIN ANDERSEN VISITED BUDAPEST APRIL 25-30 AS GUEST OF HUNGARIAN FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA. IN ADDITION TO TALK WITH PUJA, ANDERSEN RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER FOCK AND PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL LOSONCZI AND LAID WREATH AT MONUMENT OF HUNGARIAN HEROES AT HEROES' SQUARE. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CLOSE OF TALKS (WHICH WE ASSUME DEPT HAS SEEN IN FBIS). CSCE AT CENTER OF DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH TALKS ALSO RANGED OVER MBFR, VIETNAM, ME, UN, CYPRUS, PORTUGAL, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. PUJA ACCEPTED
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INVITATION TO VISIT DENMARK OFFICIALLY AT LATER BUT

UNSPECIFIED DATE.

2. ACCORDING TO ANDERSEN, NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW OF SUBSTANTIVE NATURE EMERGED FROM TALKS. HOWEVER, IN INFORMAL BRIEFING GIVEN TO NATO COM'S LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 30, ANDERSEN SHED SOME LIGHT ON CLIMATE OF TALKS AND TACTICS USED BY HUNGARIANS. DANE SAID PUJA TOOK VERY PESSIMISTIC AND TOUGH LINE RE CSCE AND MBFR INDICATING WESTERN POWERS REALLY NOT INTERESTED IN EITHER. CLAIMED WEST PLACING ALL SORTS OF HURDLES IN WAY OF ULTIMATE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN BASKET III DISCUSSIONS WHERE PROPOSALS "UNREALISTIC". CLAIMED WORLD WOULD SURVIVE WHETHER THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN GENEVA OR NOT; LINES ARE DRAWN BUT DETENTE CONTINUING ANYHOW.

3. ANDERSEN SAID ATTITUDE ASSUMED BY PUJA WAS SURPRISING TO HIM BECAUSE IN HIS TALKS IN PRAGUE LAST WEEK CZECHS' LINE WAS MUCH TOUGHER BUT CLIMATE OF TALKS FAR BETTER. HE NOTED THAT WHEN HE CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER FOCK, LATTER WAS WELL INFORMED RE HIS CONVERSATION WITH PUJA. FOCK, HOWEVER, ASSUMED MUCH SOFTER AND REASONABLE APPROACH TO BOTH CSCE AND MBFR THAN HAD PUJA.

4. ANDERSEN SAID THERE WERE ALSO PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES IN HIS TALK WITH PUJA. ANDERSEN SPOKE AT OUTSET FOR ABOUT 25 MINUTES DEALING WITH CSCE, MBFR, UN, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. PUJA THEN INDULGED IN A MONOLOGUE OF OVER ONE HOUR SPEAKING ON ABOVE TOPICS BUT ADDING ME, VN, CYPRUS, AND PORTUGAL. WHEN HE HAD FINISHED HE INDICATED DISCUSSION WAS OVER BUT ANDERSEN PROTESTED, INSISTING THAT HE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME TO DISCUSS DANISH VIEWPOINT ON NEW SUBJECTS INTRODUCED BY PUJA. LATTER AGREED AND LUNCH WAS DELAYED. ANDERSEN COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS REALLY NO DIALOGUE AT ALL; BOTH SIDES SIMPLY PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS AND THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.

5. ANDERSEN SAID HE WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT HUNGARIANS MADE NO MENTION OF KEKKONEN PLAN WHICH CZECHS HAD PLUGGED FOR VIGOROUSLY. SAID HE TOLD CZECHS THE KEKKONEN PLAN CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS FINNISH INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTER; NEITHER DENMARK NOR ANY OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES FOR THAT MATTER WANTED ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

6. COMMENT: SEEMS OBVIOUS HUNGARIANS THOUGHT THEY COULD SLEDGEMANNER DANES INTO ADOPTING POSITION SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO WP VIEWPOINTS ON CSCE. HOWEVER, THEY FOUND ANDERSEN TOUGHER NUT TO CRACK THAN THEY THOUGHT.

WHEN TOUGH LINE PLOY DID NOT WORK, FOCK THEN PROCEEDED
TO SMOOTH DANISH FEATHERS. AT CLOSE OF VISIT WHEN FINAL
COMMUNIQUE WAS BEING DRAFTED, HUNGARIANS SOUGHT TO LABEL
TALKS AS HELD IN "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE. ANDERSEN HELD
OUT FOR "FRANK AND OPEN" SAYING HE DID NOT WISH "CORDIAL" TO
APPEAR ANYWHERE IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE. IT IS INTERESTING
THAT ALTHOUGH FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS DRAFTED IN GERMAN
USED PHRASE "FRANK AND OPEN", BOTH OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN NEWS
AGENCY MTI AND RADIO BUDAPEST HAVE USED "CORDIAL." AS
INTERESTING SIDELIGHT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM FINNISH SOURCE
THAT WHEN FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS HERE LAST WEEK
PUJA TOLD HIM ON WAY TO AIRPORT THAT DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER
WOULD NOT RECEIVE AS WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME AS FINN HAD.
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